L. R. FRENCH, JR. POST OFFICE BOX H327 MIDLAND, TEXAS 79702

December 2, 1997

Attn: Mr. Richard Gill Maralo, Inc. P. O. Box 832 Midland, TX 79702

> Re: Section 4, T-19-S, R-38-E Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

L. R. French, Jr. supports the position of Maralo, Inc. concerning operations proposed by Marathon Oil Company on the captioned acreage.

We have reached an agreement with Marathon for the Courtman 4 State No. 1 well proposed for the N/2 of Section 4.

We feel that a decision on the Mitchusson 4 State No. 1 well proposed by Marathon in the S/2 of Section 4 should be delayed until the Courtman 4 State No. 1 is completed.

I appoint Maralo, Inc. and Maralo's counsel to also represent me at the pooling hearing scheduled for December 4, 1997, and any extensions thereof. Please advise if you need additional information or documentation.

Yours very truly,

L. R. French, Jr.

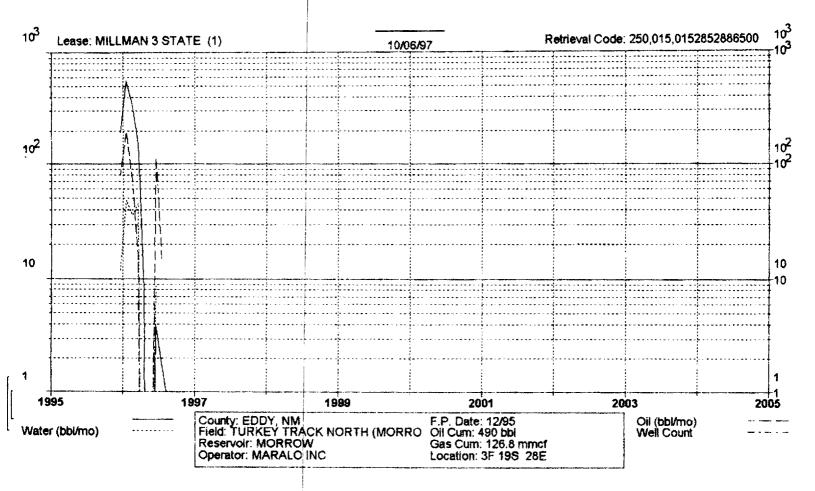
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